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~ Library Announcement~

YOUNG ARTISTS CHOSEN AS WINNERS OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2006 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK BOOKMARK CONTEST

Children's Book Week November 13- 19, 2006

Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. Children's books and the love of reading are celebrated nationally in schools, libraries, and bookstores -- any place where there are children and books.

For 26 years now Springfield Public Library has celebrated Children's Book Week with a bookmark contest for grades KG-8th grade. Children design a bookmark about books, reading, libraries or a different theme chosen each year. This year's theme is "More Books, Please!" Winners' bookmarks are professionally printed for library users and tours.

Winners will be honored by being introduced by Mayor Leiken at the November 20th Springfield City Council Meeting.

The winners are:

Kindergarten: Bradach Peeves, Yujin Gakuen School

First grade: Liam Frans, Maple Elementary

Second grade: Hilary Smith, Homeschool

Third grade: Anika Waldorf, Brattain Elementary and Lacey Bird, Brattain Elementary

Fourth grade: David Wilson, Centennial Elementary

Fifth grade: Nicholas Kyle, Brattain Elementary, and Rosa Garcia, Brattain Elementary

Middle School: Krystina Lightheart, Agnes Stuart Middle School and Megan Faber, Pleasant Hill Middle School